

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

--The present invention relates generally to a method of modifying gene expression and to synthetic genes for modifying endogenous gene expression in a cell, tissue or organ of a transgenic organism, in particular a transgenic animal or plant. More particularly, the present invention utilises recombinant DNA technology to post-transcriptionally modify or modulate the expression of a target gene in a cell, tissue, organ or whole organism, thereby producing novel phenotypes. Novel synthetic genes and genetic constructs which are capable of repressing delaying or otherwise reducing the expression of an endogenous gene or a target gene in an organism when introduced thereto are also provided.--

Please amend the paragraph on line 12 of page 57 as follows:

--NOS 5' (forward primer; SEQ ID 9 ??)--

Please amend the paragraph on line 15 of page 57 as follows:

--NOS 3' (reverse primer; SEQ ID 10 ??)--

Please amend the paragraph on line 28 of page 57 as follows:

--SCBV 5': 5'-CCATGGCCTATATGGCCATTCCCCACATTCAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:11); and--

Please amend the paragraph on line 30 of page 57 as follows:

--SCBV 3': 5'-AACGTAACTTCTACCCAGTTCCAGAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:12)--

Please amend the paragraph on line 9 of page 60 as follows:

--LNYV 1: 5'-ATGGGATCCGTTATGCCAAGAAGAAGGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:13); and--

Please amend the paragraph on line 11 of page 60 as follows:

-- LNYV 2: 5'-TGTGGATCCCTAACGGACCCGATG-3' (SEQ ID NO:14)--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 of page 66 as follows:

--5'-

TAATGAGGATGATGTCCCTACCTTTAATTGGCAGAAATTTCTGTGGAAAGACAGGGAA  
ATCTTTCGGCATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:15); and--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14 of page 66 as follows:

-- 5'-

TTCTGCCAATTAAAGGTAGGGACATCATCCTCATTAATAATGCCGAAAGATTCCCTGTC  
TTCCACAGAAAT-3' (SEQ ID NO:16)--